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SUBJECT: MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO CHAD

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GUIDANCE ON 28 JULY RE SUBJECT.

QUOTE. QUESTION: HAS CHAD REQUESTED MILITARY ASSISTANCE  
FROM THE US?

ANSWER: CHADIAN VICE PRESIDENT DJIME (JEEMAY) MET WITH  
THE SECRETARY OF STATE ON JULY 14 TO DISCUSS THE RECENT

ESCALATION OF INSURGENT ACTIVITY IN NORTHERN CHAD. THE CHADIAN VICE PRESIDENT MET ALSO WITH VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE ON JULY 15. THE CHADIAN VICE PRESIDENT REQUESTED US ASSISTANCE TO STRENGTHEN CHAD'S ABILITY TO DEAL WITH A LONGSTANDING REBELLION IN THE NORTH, AND EXPLAINED THAT THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF HIS COUNTRY WAS BEING THREATENED BY OUTSIDE AGGRESSION. IN REPLY, THE VICE PRESIDENT AND THE SECRETARY SAID WE SHARED CHAD'S CONCERN REGARDING THE PRESENT SITUATION AND WERE PREPARED TO CONSIDER HIS REQUEST SYMPATHETICALLY.

QUESTION: CAN YOU PROVIDE US MORE DETAIL ON THE REQUEST?

ANSWER: NO, NOT AT THIS TIME.

QUESTION: WHAT IS THE CURRENT SITUATION IN CHAD?

ANSWER: THE SITUATION OF GREATEST CONCERN TO THE CHADIAN GOVERNMENT IS A REBELLION IN THE NORTHWEST. IN THE PAST MONTH THE CHADIAN GOVERNMENT HAS LOST EFFECTIVE CONTROL OF THE TIBESTI MOUNTAIN AREA IN NORTHWEST CHAD TO INSURGENTS FROM THE TOUBOU TRIBE. THESE INSURGENTS HAVE RECEIVED ASSISTANCE FROM LIBYA, WHICH HAS OCCUPIED MILITARILY A SETTLEMENT IN NORTHWESTERN CHAD CALLED AOZOUFOR THE PAST THREE YEARS. THE REBELLION IS LED BY GOUKOUNI, A SON OF ONE OF THE TRADITIONAL RELIGIOUS

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LEADERS OF THE AREA. END QUOTE.

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